

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-18, and 20 remain in the case. Claims 4, 6, and 13 have been amended. Claims 5 and 19 have been canceled.

The rejection of claims 1-4, 10-11, 13-15, and 17-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fink et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,903,687) is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 has been amended to incorporate the additional limitations of claim 5 which was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but allowable if rewritten in independent form. Therefore, claim 1 is allowable.

In addition, claims 2-4, 6-12 depend from amended claim 1 and are therefore allowable.

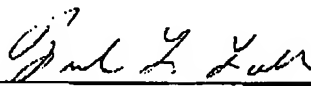
Claims 13 has been amended to incorporate the additional limitations of claim 19 which was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but allowable if rewritten in independent form. Therefore, claim 13 is allowable.

In addition, claims 14-18 depend from amended claim 13 and are therefore allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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